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For: **HOMOLOGOUS 28-KILODALTON
IMMUNODOMINANT PROTEIN GENES OF
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper. A **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement** is filed herewith.